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Examiner: Ljilijana V. Ciric

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In response to the Communication mailed December 30, 2002, please consider the following.

Applicant apologizes for the oversight of missing the Election of Species requirement in paragraph 4 of Paper No. 3. In the response filed October 10, 2002, Applicant elected to proceed with invention 1 defined by Claims 1-10.

In paragraph 4, the Examiner required an election of species from the first species or the embodiment of Figures 3A through 3C; the second species or the embodiment of Figure 4; and the third species or the embodiment of Figure 5.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with the third species which is the embodiment of Figure 5. Applicant believes that

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10 and 15 read on the elected species. Applicant requests that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future Divisional and/or Continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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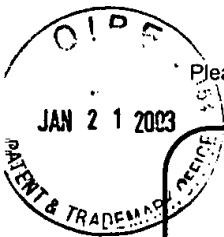
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